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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1600  
PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 06478.1495-00**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Peter Hermentin et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1641  
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Application No.: 10/682,199 ) Examiner: David J. Venci  
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Filed: October 10, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 1253  
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For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING )  
MULTIMERS OF PLASMA ) **MAIL STOP: AF**  
PROTEINS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

Applicants reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 29, 2006, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

A Listing of the Claims is included in this paper, to assist the Examiner. No claim amendments are presented herein.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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